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### REMARKS

#### Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 to one of the following two groups of inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 20, drawn to a method of removing non-loaded amino groups and loading biomolecules onto metal oxide supports; and
- II. Claims 14-19 and 21-22, drawn to a composition comprising a biomolecule attached to a metal oxide support and a kit.

In reply, applicant elects to prosecute the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, i.e. Claims 1-13 and 20.

#### Election of Species Requirements

The Examiner also required under 35 U.S.C. 121 that if Group I is elected, applicant elect a single disclosed species from among those listed below for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable:

- a. species of amine containing silanating agent (e.g., from Claim 7), and
- b. species of biomolecule (e.g., from page 6 of specification).

In reply, applicant elects the following:

- a. 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane for the species of amine containing silanating agent, and
- b. oligonucleotide for the species of biomolecule.

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Claims Readable on Elections


Applicant maintains that the following claims are readable on the elections made above: Claims 1-13 and 20.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required to maintain the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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